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gard to his father's, the late Lord-Proprietor's good-will towards the Province, the following act will sufficiently evince the great regard he had for, and the vigilant attention he always shewed to the prosperity of Maryland.

By an act of Assembly in 1733, he assented to an act called the Currency Act, and for the payment and the better insurance ad valorem of the paper money issued in consequence of that act: He did voluntarily grant re-exportation, duty free, of all tobacco's, (the staple of the colony) tho' to his Lordship's very great loss, as will appear from the following extract:

Provided always, that in case any tobacco, for which the said duty shall be paid, shall be lost in the exportation thereof from this Province; that then and in every such case, the Proprietor or person, who shall have paid the aforesaid duty for such tobacco, shall and may export the like quantity, duty free; to be allowed by the naval officer who shall receive the duty.

The loss his present Lordship has suffered during the late war, cannot, I think, be rated at less than 500 l. or 600 l. per annum. This gratuity of his Lordship, relative to the sterling value of the currency issued, all the merchants and traders to the Province know to be a fact of value, and consequence to trade in general, and the Province in particular; and to the honour of his Lordship, and credit of the Province be it spoken, that the currency issued for the use of the Provincials by that act, has been no small sum, and consequently of vast advantage to that Province. The expiration of the act is this year, (I think I am right) when the capital fund which has arisen from the duties, and is now vested and laid out in Bank stock will, when sold, fully answer the purpose, by rendering the currency issued of sterling value.

These peculiar circumstances amply denote his Lordship's steady affection to our Sovereign Lord the King, in that part of his Majesty's territory in America where his Lordship under his favour presides, and at the same time convey advantageous marks of real benevolence of the late Lord-Proprietor. And it is worthy of consideration, that his present Lordship is at a considerable expence on his part, for the running the boundary lines, between Maryland and Pennsylvania, being the only means to settle and to assert the property thereof, not only to himself, but also to those in possession of lands within his Province; as it ascertains to them quiet possession, and prevents all law suits, which might be occasioned often by claims, either by Maryland or Pennsylvania, as well as to ascertain the limits of the government and dominion of Maryland. These are considerable munificences, and others can be ascertained expressive of allegiance and affection to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to the people, his Majesty's subjects, and his Lordship's tenants in Maryland.